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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Daniel D. Chang

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 20-24 and 40-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 20-24 and 40-52 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the “a storage element” different from a flip flop in claim 50, line 13, and “a selector element” different from a multiplexer in claim 50, line 28 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

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The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 45 and 50 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the necessary structural connections. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted structural cooperative relationships are: interconnection between an input bus, an output bus, a bus state keeper, a bus multiplexer, and a bus register because the recitation, “is to couple” or “to couple” is an intention to couple between those components but there is no actual interconnection between those components.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 20-24 and 40-52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Trimberger.

Regarding claim 20, Trimberger discloses, in Fig. 3B, a bus state keeper (R12) comprising a plurality (since there are many IOBs) of multiplexers (121) each having a select input (CE), a first input (D), a second input (from Q of 122), and an output (to D of 122), the output coupled to each respective bit of a first bus (line between 121 and 122) to keep in a steady state when inactive (inherent characteristic of flip-flop), the first input coupled to each respective bit of a second bus (line D),

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the select input of each of the plurality of multiplexers coupled to a select signal (CE);
and
a plurality (IOBs) of flip flops (D-FF 122) each having a data input (D), a data output (Q) and a clock input (CLK), the data input coupled to each respective bit of the first bus,
the data output coupled respectively to the second input of the plurality of multiplexers,
the clock input coupled to a clock signal (CLK),
the plurality of flip flops to store a state of the first bus (inherent characteristic of flip flop).

Regarding claim 21, Trimberger discloses, in Fig. 3B, that the plurality of flip flops (122) are clocked by the clock signal (CLK) to store a state of the first bus.

Regarding claim 22, Trimberger discloses, in Fig. 3B, that the select signal (CE) input to each select input of the plurality of multiplexers (121) selects between outputting from the plurality of multiplexers a stored state in the flip flops (Q) onto the first bus (output of 121) or outputting the state of the second bus (D) onto the first bus.

Regarding claim 23, Trimberger discloses, in Fig. 3B, that the select signal input (CE) to each select input of the plurality of multiplexers selects to output from the plurality of multiplexers a stored state (Q of 122) in the flip flops onto the first bus to maintain a state of the first bus (output of 121).

Regarding claim 24, Trimberger discloses, in Fig. 3B, the select signal (CE) maintains a state of the first bus to conserve power (inherent with register such as R12).

Claims 40-52 are essentially the same in scope as apparatus claims 20-24 and are rejected similarly.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel D. Chang whose telephone number is (571) 272-1801. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael J. Tokar can be reached on (571) 272-1812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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